

# Legion Family News

Official Newsletter of Hillsboro Post No. 6

January 2023



## Post Commander

We're ringing in the 2023 New Year, starting with our general meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at the Post.

Huge shout outs to Karen and Sue, our cooks, for the Holiday Ham Dinner and Jim H. for repairing our dish sanitizer! Thank you!

We had an extra special holiday with board games and puzzles donated from Peterson CAT.

**January 18<sup>th</sup>**, 11am – 1pm, the Auxiliary will be hosting a “Lunch with Friends”. Stop by the Post for Chili and Cornbread for only \$6.

The Auxiliary will be offering lunches Wednesday this month beginning on the 18<sup>th</sup>, so stop on by for a meal with friends.

Happy New Year!

***Sheryl Loberger,***  
***Commander***



## Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Post - Veteran Service Officer

Last month our service officer Ed Vandyke had to cancel his visit due to illness. Ed is scheduled to be at our Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and will be discussing the PACT ACT. If you were or think you were exposed to toxic chemicals during your tour of duty, make sure you are here to hear what ED has to say.

## Chaplain's Corner

Well, it's a new year and we all begin with a clean slate, at least in our own minds. In actuality, for most of us, not much has changed. There are still bills to pay (maybe even more now after all the Christmas shopping), work to do, events to attend, lawns to be cared for, etc., etc., etc. And then in the midst of it all something happens that causes you to step back and take a look at what's really important.

My bride of nearly 52 years had a heart attack in December. Not something we were expecting for sure. We heard the words 'heart disease' for the first time and it took us by surprise. BTW, she is ok and is on the way to regaining her strength and energy. All praise to our God and Father!

Anyway, this really is the start of something new for us this year. New routines, new menus, new prescriptions and new exercise and so on. To say we are excited would be a mistake. But we are feeling blessed to still be together and we are especially grateful to all who have offered to come to our aid. So many have helped in several ways with prayers being the most powerful thing any of us can do. We truly feel blessed by the outpouring of love by so many.

So, as we begin this new year, may I encourage us all to consider our blessings, however great or small they may be, and offer our thanks to our Father in heaven. I believe it is only by His gracious hand that any of us are able to get through this life.

Take some time this month to say I love you to those closest to you. And try reaching out to someone in need even if it's just a note of encouragement, a smile or a hug when you meet. You'd be amazed at how much good you can do in small ways.

Blessings,  
**Lynn Hamm**  
**Chaplain**

P.S. Please contact me if you become aware of anyone facing a serious illness or perhaps the passing of a member of our Post. My phone number: 503-640-1999. If I don't answer right away, please leave a message along with your phone number. I promise I will respond. Thank you.



## From The Adjutant's Desk

We had a great turnout for our December meeting, I hope the trend continues. If you are deciding to continue your membership in The American Legion and Hillsboro Post #6, please consider what this organization has done for veterans over the last 104 years.

Have you used your G.I. Bill? Are you receiving a VA disability check? Are you part of the VA medical system? If the answer to any of these is YES, you should know that The American Legion wrote the G.I. Bill, that we have an office in Washington DC, and members just like you

and me, are walking the halls of congress every day, talking to our senators and representatives on behalf of all veterans, not just our members. They are fighting for your rights and benefits as a veteran. Did you know that The American Legion helped create the VA? Without your membership, this would not be possible. I know that \$45 a year can be a lot of money for those on a fixed income. So, if you need a little assistance, please contact us, no one should be left behind over \$45.



***Robert D. Liebenow,  
Adjutant Post #6***

## Membership

I would like to thank everyone who has renewed their membership for 2023. Even though your 2022 membership expires on December 31st, it is never too late to renew your membership. We have 179 renewed to date. We still have about 70 members still unrenewed. I know that most of them will renew within the next four months. Without you, we would not exist, and our veterans would not get the help they need.

***Robert D. Liebenow,  
Chairman***



## The Auxiliary Helping Our Veterans

The Hillsboro American Legion Auxiliary has been busy helping our Veterans. We adopted a family from Oregon National Guard with the help of the Family Readiness Specialist. We were paired up with a single Mom with three children. We were able to purchase three gifts for each child and give the mother a \$200 gift card for anything else that the family needed. The family was able to attend our Ham Dinner where we gave the gifts to the family.

For years the Auxiliary has helped the Salvation Army Veterans and Family Center with a donation for extras for their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. This year we also were linked up with a mother with five children that was transitioning out of the Center into their own home. We were able to purchase two gifts for each of the family members and give the Mom a gift card to help with anything else that was needed. The Post also helped by giving additional gift cards for the family. We got the gifts delivered before the bad weather hit.

For the first time in three years, we were able to have Christmas Cheer at the Portland VA hospital. Christmas Cheer is a Department project that our Unit donates to yearly. Christmas Cheer is where we buy small gifts and put them in a Christmas stocking and give them to each hospitalized Veteran on the day they are delivered. This year we gave 77 stockings to our Veterans. This year one of our Unit members and one Post member was able to help with this project. Even the nursing staff was glad to see us back doing this.

This month we also donated money to P.A.V.E., a local non-profit that supplies and trains service dogs for Veterans, and we donated to the Liver and Kidney Transplant Unit connected to the Portland VA hospital. All of this is possible from our Poppy donations.

***Linda Liebenow,***  
***Treasurer Auxiliary Unit #6***



## **Sons of The American Legion**

As I have said before, we are here to help promote and assist in the Legion programs. We work alongside our Post members in their daily functions. So, if you have a son or grandson that you would like to see get involved, please let me know. As a member of the post, if your father or grandfather was a veteran, you are also eligible to be a member of the Sons of The American Legion. We need one more member to make our 2023 membership goal.

***Robert D. Liebenow***  
***Adjutant Post #6***

## **House Committee**

Big shout out to Mike True for trimming the trees and disposing of our yard debris, and along with Lynn assembled our new shelving, it all looks great.

***Todd, Russell,***  
***House Committee Chair***

## **A Special Christmas**

We helped a veteran and his family have a special Christmas this year. The members of your post voted to adopt a veteran and his family of 6, this year.

We provided the children with over \$300 worth of gifts and a \$200 gift card to him and his wife for whatever they needed. They attended our annual ham dinner and had a great time. We wish them the best and we hope to continue helping a veteran and his/her family each year. This is made possible because of your membership. Your dues do make a difference in the lives of our veterans.

# JANUARY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Post and Aux meeting 6pm	4	5 Oratorical TBA Steak or Salmon Dinner 5pm	6 Chaplain's Corner 3pm -4pm	7 Hamburger /Hot Dog 6pm Bingo
8	9 Money Monday 6pm	10	11	12 Steak or Salmon Dinner 5pm	13	14 Wild Willie Western Night @Post 180 Milwaukie \$15 Brisket SAL fundraiser POC Rob
15	16	17	18 Lunch with Friends 11am-1pm	19 Steak or Salmon Dinner 5PM	20	21 WMA OR-1 Meeting 11am
22	23	24	25 Lunch with Friends 11am-1pm	26 Steak or Salmon Dinner 5pm	27	28
29	30	31 E Board 6pm				

# For the Good of the Legion



## Crab Feed Information

Our annual crab dinner, usually held in January, will be February 11th in 2023. Just too many other things I need to attend in January this year. Prices will be going up this year, but this being a fundraiser, we cannot afford to take a loss. I hope that everyone understands and will continue to support this great event. More information to come.

*Rob Liebenow*

**The American Legion Hillsboro Post No. 6**

# CRAB FEED



**Late January or Early February 2023**

**Our favorite fundraiser will be back!**

### TICKETS

Tickets will be on sale soon and announced early January!

Call Rob 503-826-5877  
to pre-order.

Hillsboro Post No. 6  
285 W Main St,  
Hillsboro, OR 97123

### TAKE-OUT / DINE IN

**Due to the cost of crab, we will be offering two prices for the meal.**

**Cost will be \$30 for a whole crab and \$20 for half crab dinner.**

**\$15 Shrimp Louie**



# Thank you for your Donations, Support and Time

A special shout to the following:

Jerry Hrabal

Karen and Sue

Bill

Peterson CAT

Gimre's Shoe Store



**The American Legion**

**Hillsboro Post No. 6**

**285 W. Main Street**

**Hillsboro, Oregon 97123**



## Hillsboro Post No. 6

Commander	Sheryl Loberger
Vice Commander	Mike Marusa
Adjutant	Rob Liebenow
Finance Officer	Doug Lund
Chaplain	Lynn Hamm
Sergeant-at-Arms	Andrew Eason

## Auxiliary Unit #6

President	Debbie Ashe
Vice President	Tracy Peets
Secretary	Joanne Ostlund
Treasurer	Linda Liebenow
Sgt-at-Arms	Carole Hockenbarger
Chaplain	Debra Jacobson

## Sons of The American Legion Squadron #6

Commander	Roger Liebenow
Adjutant	Rob Liebenow
Sergeant-at-Arms	Canon Loberger

**Business Phone:** (503) 648-7191

Website - [www.hillsboropost6.org](http://www.hillsboropost6.org)

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionHillsboroPost6/>

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/hillsboro.post6/>

Newsletter editor – Sheryl Loberger

Newsletter – [HillsboroPostNo.6@gmail.com](mailto:HillsboroPostNo.6@gmail.com)